



PROF. G. N. GRISHAM.  
One of the Most Brilliant Lights of The Windy City.

#### IN THE GREAT WEST.

Prof. G. N. Grisham's Eloquent Address to a Cultured Audience—A High Mason—Social and Political Doings in the Windy City.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Professor G. N. Grisham, Principal of the Colored High School in Kansas City, made a notable address before the Men's Sunday Forum at Bethel church, last Sunday afternoon. He was greeted by one of the best audiences ever assembled in Chicago. He was listened to with close and rapt attention, tho' his address took quite an hour and a half in delivery. His subject was "Motives," and was a study of the human mind. Altho' of a scientific nature, Professor Grisham handled his subject with a happy manner, and drove his points home with epigram and anecdote. Perhaps it will be a fair epitome of his address to say that it was a plea for a broader view of life and its duties, and for co operation and organization in every branch of endeavor. Professor Grisham was introduced by Mr. S. Laing Williams; a motion for a rising vote of thanks was made by Hon. Wm. L. Martin, and seconded by Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, both of whom are close friends of the learned young man from Kansas City.

It has been quite three months now since the Chicago public was introduced to the United Brother. In that time, the new idea has taken root, and the tender promises of great good have put forth blossoms that foretell the day that shall see it in full fruitage. The United Brotherhood is a fraternal life insurance concern. It has at its head men of fine business experience and standing; and men of tried and undoubted integrity. It is based on the best principles of life insurance known, and it is fair to say that its purposes and its principles will receive diligent and faithful application from its officers.

Already five or six Councils have been organized in this city, the most prominent being Bethel and Douglass Councils. It is proposed to make the

Brotherhood a national organization, and establish Councils in the various parts of the South. The promoters of the enterprise are Alexander Miles, formerly of Duluth, Minn., J. Frank Wheaton, formerly of Minneapolis, and Mr. S. Laing Williams, of this city.

Hon. John G. Jones, of this city, who is probably the highest colored Mason in the world, while in Canada recently received another degree from the white Masons there. He is a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine which is a high Andrew department of free masonry, and carries the decoration of Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Master. These degrees can only be conferred upon 32° Scottish Rite Masons or Masonic Knights Templar. Mr. Jones is the first and only colored Mason in the world that has received these degrees. He intends to take steps soon to organize a Sovereign Grand Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine among the colored Masons. Up to this time colored Masons have been unable to secure these degrees, tho' there is a large number of them in the United States and Canada. Illustrious John G. Jones is the pioneer to open up this field for the colored Mason.

The Phyllis Wheatley Club, of which I have spoken in these columns before, has been very active lately. Last Wednesday night, their club rooms were filled with members and friends who came to hear four well known physicians make practical talks. Dr. J. R. White explained the rules of Hygiene; Dr. Joseph Jeffrey, a native of British Guiana, S. A., talked on Biology; Dr. A. W. Williams warned against the conditions that favored consumption; and Dr. George C. Hall, the dean of the profession in this city, gave an original and striking view of what is meant by "Pure Food." Many other good programs have been given.

Another notable event of recent occurrence was the "Snoker" given by the Douglass League. This organization has for its sole object the perpetua-

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